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SUMMARY: PRESIDENT NIMEIRI, IN HIS AUG 9 MONTHLY "FACE THE NATION" TELEVISION ADDRESS, CONTINUED STRESS FACT THAT SUDAN HAS EMERGED STRONG AND UNITED FOLLOWING EARLY JULY COUP ATTEMPT. HE ENDED SPEECH WITH ANNOUNCEMENT OF IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT AND SSU CHANGES, INCLUDING NEW SECRETARY GENERAL OF PARTY AND NEW MINISTER OF DEFENSE, TWO POSITIONS NIMEIRI HIMSELF HAD HELD AND NEW PRIME MINISTER POSITION. MUCH OF SPEECH WAS DEVOTED TO BITTERLY CRITICIZING QADDAFI REGIME. HE ALSO CRITIZED BBC AND EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN OVER SUDANESE STUDENT ACTIVITIES ABROAD. HE SAID SADDIQ AL-MAHDI AND OTHERS WOULD BE TRIED IN ABSENTIA. ON POSITIVE SIDE, HE STRESSED RAPID STRIDES SUDAN IS MAKING IN INSTITUTIONAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
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DEVELOPMENT, AND HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT RECENT CONTRACTS AND OTHER AGREEMENTS REACHED WITH FRENCH AND AMERICAN

ORGANIZATIONS. NIMEIRI ALSO INDICATED MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN TO RESTRICT ENTRY INTO SUDAN OF FOREIGN GROUPS. HE CLOSED SPEECH WITH ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOVERNMENT CHANGES AND INDICATED THAT THERE WOULD BE IMPORTANT SSU PARTY CONFERENCES AT LOCAL LEVEL AND SECOND NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN JANUARY. END SUMMARY.

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1. PRESIDENT NIMEIRI MADE HIS MONTHLY TELEVISED "FACE THE NATION" ADDRESS EVENING AUG 9. AS ANTICIPATED, HE STRESSED THEMES WHICH BY NOW HAVE BECOME FAMILIAR. HIS SPEECH CONSISTED ESSENTIALLY OF REPLIES TO LETTERS HE CLAIMED TO HAVE RECEIVED SINCE EARLY JULY COUP ATTEMPT.

2 MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF SPEECH WAS HIS ANNOUNCEMENT OF SEVERAL GOVERNMENT AND SSU CHANGES. HE ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS:

- DR. AL-RASHID AL-TAHIR BAKR, VICE-PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER;
- ABUL GASIM MOHAMED IBRAHIM, SSU SECRETARY GENERAL AND COMMISSIONER OF KHARTOUM PROVINCE;
- DR. MANSOUR KHALID, PRESIDENT'S ADVISER ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS;
- MAHDI MUSTAFA AL HADI, SPEAKER OF PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY;
- FIRT LT. GEN BESHIR MOHAMED ALI, MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF;
- ABBAS ABDEL MAGID, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE;
- AL SHARIF AL KHATIM, MINISTER OF PEOPLE'S LOCAL GOVT;
- DAFALLA AL HAJ YOUSIF, MINISTER OF EDUCATION;
- ALI SHAUMMO, STATE MINISTER FOR YOUTH AND SPORTS;
- LT. GEN MOHAMMED OSMAN HASHIM, CHIEF OF STAFF.

THESE CHANGES WERE ANNOUNCED AT END OF HIS SPEECH.

3. HE SPENT LARGE PART OF BEGINNING OF SPEECH CASTIGATING QADDAFI. HE REVIEWED HIS OWN PREVIOUS RELATIONS WITH LIBYAN LEADER AND KEPT REFERRING TO HIM AS "THE INSANE QADDAFI". HE SAID SUDAN DOES NOT SEEK REVENGE, BUT HE PREDICTED THAT QADDAFI REGIME WOULD BE OVERTHROWN SOON.

4. REGARDING COUP LEADERS SADDIQ AL-MAHDI, HUSSEIN AL-HINDI, BABIKER KARRAR AND (UNNAMED) OTHERS, NIMEIRI SAID
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THEY WOULD SOON BE TRIED IN ABSENTIA. WHILE ON SUBJECT OF SADDIQ AL-MAHDI, NIMEIRI TOOK SLAP AT BBC WHICH PUBLICIZED AL-MAHDI'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN LONDON. HE ALSO CRITICIZED HMG AND EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN OVER ANTI-REGIME ACTIVITIES BY SUDANESE STUDENTS ABROAD, AND REPORTED THAT HE HAD AUTHORIZED SUDANESE AMBASSADORS AND CULTURAL ATTACHES TO WITHDRAW FINANCIAL AID FROM STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN FOUND INVOLVED IN SUCH ACTIVITIES. NIMEIRI ALSO INDICATED THAT HE IS TAKING STEPS TO TIGHTEN UP ILLEGAL ENTRY OF ALIENS INTO SUDAN.

5. NIMEIRI PRAISED WHAT HE REFERRED TO AS SUDAN'S "GREAT LEAPS FORWARD". HE MENTIONED SEVERAL NEW PROJECTS UNDERWAY AND PRAISED INSTITUTIONAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRY. IN ADDITION, HE REFERRED TO HIS RECENT VISITS TO UNITED STATES AND FRANCE AND REPORTED ON SEVERAL FOLLOW-ON DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING RECENT AGREEMENT WITH FRENCH COMPANY TO START DIGGING JONGLEI CANAL, AND AGREEMENTS TO COOPERATE WITH ALLIS-CHALMERS CO. AND STATE OF TENNESSEE IN SEVERAL AREAS. PRESIDENT SAID IT HAS BEEN AGREED WITH THE CONCERNED COMPANY TO UNDERTAKE NECESSARY STUDIES FOR COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT OF NATURAL GAS AND ITS INDUSTRIAL EXPLORATION IN RED SEA AREA, AND HE SAID HE WAS ALSO OPTIMISTIC REGARDING PROSPECT OF OIL DISCOVERY IN COUNTRY. AS NOTED ABOVE, AT END OF SPEECH HE DISCUSSED CHANGES IN CABINET AND LEADERSHIP OF SSU. HE SAID THERE WILL BE CONFERENCES OF BASIC UNITS OF SSU WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL NEXT NOVEMBER AND WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SELECTION OF SSU POLITICAL LEADERSHIP THROUGH FREE AND DIRECT ELECTIONS WITHOUT INTERFERENCE. THE SECOND NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SSU WILL BE CONVENED JAN 25, 1977, AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ELECTION OF ALL CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ELECTION OF POLITICAL BUREAU MEMBERS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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6. COMMENT: NIMEIRI'S CRITICISM OF QADDAFI WAS NOTEWORTHY IN THAT HE STILL FEELS IT WORTHWHILE TO CONTINUE MORE THAN A MONTH AFTER COUP ATTEMPT, TO SPEND SO MUCH EFFORT IN CRITICIZING HIM. HIS REMARKS ABOUT BRITISH SHOULD BE READ IN CONTEXT OF STATEMENT MADE EARLIER IN DAY, FOLLOWING MASS DEMONSTRATION AGAINST BRITISH EMBASSY, BY MINISTER
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OF INFORMATION WHO SAID HE THOUGHT PRESS CAMPAIGN HAD GONE FAR ENOUGH. "I THINK THE PRESS HAS MADE ITS POINT", HE SAID, AND ASKED THAT TWO GOVERNMENTS BE LEFT TO WORK MATTER OUT. NIMEIRI AGAIN STRESSED THEMES OF UNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND USED HIS VISITS TO FRANCE AND US AND RECENT ACTIVITIES WITH FRENCH AND AMERICAN GROUPS TO PUT POSITIVE GLOW ON CURRENT SITUATION HERE. NIMEIRI'S REMARKS REGARDING CLOSER CONTROL OF ILLEGAL ALIENS INDICATES CONCERN OVER FOREIGNERS RESIDING IN SUDAN, THE LARGEST GROUP OF WHICH ARE ETHIOPIAN EXILES. CABINET AND SSU CHANGES SEEM TO US TO SUGGEST SOME WILLINGNESS BY NIMEIRI TO DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITY TO OTHERS. HE ALSO SEEMS TO WANT TO PUT MORE EFFECTIVE MEMBERS INTO CERTAIN KEY POSITIONS SUCH AS MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. ADDITIONAL COMMENT ON CABINET AND SSU CHANGES WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL.
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